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In re Application of
Lang and Pei

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000, entry of the following Remarks is respectfully requested. A response was initially due by January 20, 2001. However, a petition for extension, requesting an extension of four months, or until May 20, 2001, along with the corresponding extension fee, is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

A. Regarding the restriction requirement.

The Action restricts the claims into three groups:

I. Claims 1 to 15, directed to a combinatorial library of two or more compounds of Formula I;